

Enrich a Child's Future

New Hampshire Citizens Making an Extraordinary Difference

Would you like to make a difference in the education of a child with special needs?

The Educational Surrogate Parent Program is looking for caring individuals who are committed to children and understand the importance of education.

The *Educational Surrogate Parent Program*, coordinated by the New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education, is a volunteer program designed to provide a child with a disability with an educational surrogate parent to act as the child's educational decision-maker. As the educational decision-maker you would participate in a child's special education team meetings.

- ✚ Volunteers:
 - ✓ Represent children whose parents are unavailable or unable to participate in the special education process.
 - ✓ Are not responsible for any financial costs or direct care of the child.
 - ✓ Must be at least 21 years of age and complete an application that includes a background check.
- ✚ The NH DOE requires applicants to participate in a nine-hour training, which is offered at no cost to applicants. The training includes information on the special education process and related topics. (Professional Development credits are available for this training)
- ✚ The NH DOE offers ongoing support and assistance to educational surrogate parents. Educational surrogate parents are also eligible to participate in other learning opportunities through the NH DOE.

Training Schedule

Saturday, September 26, 2015, Claremont/Lebanon, NH (9am-5pm)

Saturday, October 24, 2015, Plymouth/Lakes Region, NH (9am-5pm)

Saturday, November 7, 2015, Hooksett/Southern NH, NH (9am-5pm)

We will schedule post the Spring 2016 training dates in November 2015

To register for a training or for more information contact:

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**Minimum of 3 participants must be signed up for each training for training to be held.
Notification of any cancellations will be done at least 3 days prior to training date to any registered participants.**